

Tanfield Chambers

Christopher Bamford

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Areas of Practice

Employment
Personal Injury
Public Access

Career

1987 Called to the Bar

Profile

Christopher's practice focuses on Personal Injury and Employment, as well as gaming and licencing, and he acts for clients in both contentious and non-contentious matters in all areas of his practice.

His Personal Injury practice is mainly, but not exclusively, Claimant-based. He frequently undertakes both advisory work as well as drafting and advocacy in claims arising out of accidents at work, accidents in educational institutions and accidents suffered by pedestrians on the highway, as well as road traffic accidents. He has many years experience dealing with clinical negligence claims. This area of practice also includes dependency claims arising out of fatal accidents.

In Employment law, Christopher has considerable experience appearing before the High Court in cases concerned with the enforcement of restrictive covenants in employment contracts. He also has more than 20 years experience appearing before employment tribunals and the Employment Appeal Tribunal. Non-contentious business includes a particular interest in settling contracts for employment agencies and employment businesses.

Christopher frequently acts for businesses and other bodies involved in trade disputes, in particular claims arising out of the sale and supply of computer systems and associated services. He appears before both the County and High Courts and the Technology and Construction Court. The contentious area of his practice has included his involvement in claims arising out of disputes following large National Lottery and National Game (Bingo). His non-contentious business is primarily sought by those in the industry and is mainly concerned with their needs to comply with the requirements of the Gambling Act 2005. He does appear before local authority licensing committees but in this area his practice is largely concerned with appeals.

Christopher has written extensively in his specialist areas of the law and is the editor of a text book on licensing and contributor to a number of text books concerned with betting, gaming and lotteries.

Experience

Claims arising out of disputes following large National Lottery and National Game (Bingo) Compliance with the Gambling Act 2005

Acted on behalf of a foreign government in respect of a claim for components supplied to its air force for installation in its airplanes, on behalf of businesses supplied with customized or bespoke computer software and in trade cases involving one party's or competing standard terms and conditions of trade.

Publications

Editor, *Law of Betting, Gaming and Lotteries*, 2nd edition 2001 (Smith & Monkcom). Currently working on 3rd edition

Atkin's Court Forms, Volume 21; Gambling (Butterworths)

Butterworth's Encyclopaedia of Forms and Precedents, Volume 7; Clubs

Butterworth's Encyclopaedia of Forms and Precedents, Volume 26 (1); Licensing

Currently working on new Gambling volumes

Memberships

Member, Inner Temple

Qualifications

LLB Hons (Hull)